MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
METROPOLITAN BUILDING COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 1964
BOARD ROOM, 1441 DRUMMOND STREET
12:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Messrs. I. R. Tait, presiding; R. E. Heartz, W. D. Robb, N. Wrightson, A. E. Sargent, W. E. Atkins, F. F. Fulton, H. Umphrey, G. E. Shaw, R. C. Rae, F. G. Hubbard, J. O'Brien, R. A. Dickinson.

GRACE: The blessing was asked by F. G. Hubbard.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of October 21, 1963, having previously been circulated, were taken as read and approved.

NEW UNIVERSITY BUILDING - TENDERS:

The Chairman reported that he had officiated at the opening of tenders for the construction of the new University building at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 23rd. In attendance at the opening were representatives from the Ministry of Youth of the Province of Quebec, the Architects, Engineers, and the various contractors concerned.

A summary of the tenders submitted was presented to the meeting for consideration. This summary is attached to and forms part of these minutes.

It was pointed out that the gross tender figure shown for all contractors should be increased by $97,000. This was due to the fact that all contractors had included in their tenders a sub-contract for the Applied Insulation Co. which was not acceptable to our consulting engineers.

It was noted that the tender of McNarmara Quebec Ltd. had been disqualified as it had been received after the bid deadline of 12:00 noon. The tender of E.G.M. Cape Ltd., although the lowest at $19,750,000. had also been disqualified because the tendering documents had not been properly completed. The basis of their disqualification is contained in Article 19 of the"By-Laws concerning subsidies for purpose of construction" of the Province of Quebec. The rejection of the Cape tender was confirmed by the representativesof the Quebec Government who were in attendance at the opening.

Perini Quebec Ltd., at a price of $19,793,000., was therefore considered as the low bidder on the project. On this basis the cost of the building was some $2,500,000 greater than the amount budgeted. As there was no possibility of additional financing being made available for the project, it was therefore necessary to undertake a complete review of the project in order to ascertain where savings could be made to bring the cost into line with the funds available.

This review was presently underway in conjunction with the Architects. Assuming that the necessary savings could be achieved without a major redesign of the building, it was intended that new bids be called for on the revised basis.

The Committee entered into considerable discussion on all aspects of the tenders. Particular reference was made as to which contractors should be considered eligable for re-bids. It was the consensus of opinion that the lowest three tenderers should be asked for revised quotations. The question of the eligability of E.G.M. Cape Co. would require further clarification from Quebec.

The Committee agreed that no decisions could be made until a complete review of the situation could be completed by the Architects. It was therefore decided to call a tentative meeting of the Committee for Friday, February 7th at which time it was hoped sufficient information would be available to enable the rendering of a decision.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN